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Dear Examiner Conley:

This Paper responds to the Non-final Office Action mailed August 11, 2004. The Applicants respectfully submit that the claims define patentable subject matter.